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Welcome to the 58th Volume of the *Federal Communications Law Journal*, the nation's premier journal in communications law and the official law journal of the Federal Communications Bar Association. The *Journal* seeks to present timely and important analysis in communications law and policy, and this Issue is no exception.

Former Federal Communications Commission Chairman Reed Hundt and Former Deputy Chief Economist Gregory Rosston begin this Issue with recommendations to Congress on how to improve communications regulation. This Article is especially pertinent as Congress convenes at the beginning of the year. Complimenting the first Article, Jerry Ellig provides an economic analysis of several telecommunications regulatory policies, highlighting current inefficiencies. The third Article, by Randolph May, takes aim at the obsolete constructs of the 1996 Telecommunications Act and argues for a new paradigm based on consumer welfare. Fourth, Thomas Lookabaugh, Patrick Ryan, and Douglas Sicker recommend a self-regulatory framework for the upcoming VoIP era, instead of government regulation, and suggest that such a framework can be done practically through advanced certification. The final Article is from Brian Hill. Hill tackles the challenge proposed by the Third Circuit in *Prometheus Radio Project* and suggests an Index that reflects diversity of ownership better than the current alternatives.

The Comment in this Issue is from Torrence Lewis, a recent graduate of Indiana University School of Law-Bloomington. Lewis revisits the tradition of denying public access to jury deliberations and suggests that awarding a limited right would preserve the justification for denial while improving the public's faith in deliberations. Finally, Professor Jeffrey Hart reviews Hernan Galperin's *New Television, Old Politics: The Transition to Digital TV in the United States and Britain*.

Our readers may have noticed that we have a different cover this year. This has been a long-discussed change. The Staff of the *FCLJ* strove for a cover that continued the basic look of the *FCLJ*, but with an updated appearance. To this end, the *FCLJ* insignia, which is also used on the *FCLJ* Web site and Letterhead, has been added. Also, instead of blue print on a gray cover, two ink colors are used and, for contrast, a brighter background

was selected. The Staff of the *FCLJ* believes this change to have been successful and hopes our readers enjoy the new look for a long time to come. We also extend our thanks to the FCBA for its role in improving the look of our *Journal*.

This year is the tenth anniversary of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. To honor the Act, the Staff of the *FCLJ* asked select leaders in our field to submit pieces providing insight into the Act. Please be on the lookout for our Special Third Issue, which presents these unique perspectives into this historic legislation.

I would like to thank everyone that has made this Issue possible. Thank you to the Authors for your contributions and assistance in this process. Thank you to the *FCLJ* Staff for your hard work and devotion these last few months towards the betterment of this Issue. Thank you to the Federal Communications Bar Association for your ongoing faith and support. And, thank you to our readers and subscribers.

As always, we look forward to your questions and comments. We can be reached via e-mail at fclj@indiana.edu. Further information and easier access to Web links in Articles can be obtained from our Web site, www.law.indiana.edu/fclj.

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